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SUBJ: VISIT OF KUWAIT FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: KUWAIT 1814 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: MISSION OF KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER HAS HAD
SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE RESULT SO FAR AS GOL CONCERNED BUT IT
REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER ANYTHING CONCRETE WILL EMERGE.
END SUMMARY.

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1. MISSION OF KUWAITI FONMIN GOT OFF TO BAD START WITH GOL WHEN FONMIN ANNOUNCED ON ARRIVAL THAT HE BRINGING MESSAGES FROM EMIR FOR PRESIDENT FRANGIE OF LEBANON, PRESIDENT ASSAD OF SYRIA AND YASSER ' ARAFAT, AND SAID HE ALSO INTERESTED IN BRINGING ABOUT " SUMMIT" MEETING BETWEEN FRANGIE AND ' ARAFAT TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES. STATEMENT IRRITATED FRANGIE BECAUSE IT SEEMED EQUATE ' ARAFAT WITH TWO CHIEFS OF STATE AND BECAUSE FRANGIE PNS STEADFASTLY REFUSED MEET ' ARAFAT SO LONG AS FEDAYEEN NO COMPLYING WITH PROMISES THEY MADE GOL REPS.

2. AL AHMAD MET WITH FRANGIE EVENING OF MAY 28 AND WAS EXPOSED TO LEBANESE POINT OF VIEW ON RELATIONS BETWEEN GOL AND FEDAYEEN, INCLUDING SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS MADE BY FEDAYEEN DURING MEETINGS OF MIXED COMMISSION. FRANGIE EXPLAINED THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITMENTS RATHER THAN NEW MEETING TO REACH AGREEMENT.

3. AL AHMAD THEN MET WITH ' ARAFAT AND OTHER FEDAYDYN LEADERS WHO, WE ARE TOLD BY LEBANESE FON OFFICE AND PRESIDENCY, DENIED THAT THEY HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH GOL. KUWAITI FONMIN TOLD LEBANESE FONMIN ABOUT HAMAD AND PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL DIB OF THIS DEVELOPMENT MORNING MAY 29. THREE MEN THEN AGREED TO REQUEST SPECIAL MEETING FOR AL AHMAD'S BENEFIT OF MIXED COMMISSION MEMBERS COL HAJ (FOR GOL) AND ABOU ZAIM (FOR FEDAYEEN) TOGETHER WITH ' ARAFAT AND LEBANESE FONMIN AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRESIDENCY. THIS MEETING WAS HELD AT KUWAITI EMBASSY MAY 29 AND WE ARE TOLD BY FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DIB THAT AFTER MUCH EVASIVE ACTION ABOU ZAIM AND ' ARAFAT FINALLY ADMITTED THAT THEY HAD AGREED TO SUCH POINTS AS REMOVAL OF HEAVY AND MEDIUM WEAPONS FROM CAMPS, PROHIBITION OF PRESENCE FEDAYEEN (AS DISTINCT FROM REFUGEES) IN CAMPS WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM GOL, ETC. FOLLOWING THIS MEETING KUWAITI FONMIN LEFT FOR DAMASCUS TO TALK WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD.

4. TODAY GOL TRYING COPE WITH ARAB LEAGUE SEC GEN RIAD WHO ARRIVED UNEXPECTEDLY ON SELF- ANNOUNCED MEDIATING MISSION BETWEEN ARAB GOVTS AND FEDAYEEN AND IS TALKING ABOUT " SUMMIT". FRANGIE AND FONMIN ARE INCREASINGLY DISENCHANTED WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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SPECIAL ARAB ENVOYS AND TALK ABOUT ARAB SUMMIT SINCE THEY ALMOST ALL SEEM DESIGNED FIND COMPROMISE WHICH WILL UNDERCUT FRANGIE STAND ON LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY.

5. COMMENT; LEBANESE ARE AWAITING RESULTS OF AL AHMAD'S DAMASCUS VISIT WITH KEEN INTEREST BUT THEY NOT RPT NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT KUWAIT WILL BE ABLE BRING ABOUT MUCH IMPROVEMENT

IN SYRIAN NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD GOL. NOR ARE THEY OVERLY OPTIMISTIC THAT ADMISSION BY FEDAYEEN LEADERS OF THEIR COMMITMENTS TO GOL WILL LEAD TO GOOD- FAITH EXECUTION OF COMMITMENTS. HOWEVER, THEY ARE PLEASED AT HAVING BEEN ABLE GET RECONFIRMATION OF COMMITMENTS BEFORE SUCH DISTINGUISHED THIRD PARTY AND HOPE IT MAY OPEN EYES OF EMIR TO SITUATION CONFRONTING GOL.

6. SAUDI AMBASSADOR HERE LEFT FOR GENEVA ON MAY 27 AT REQUEST OF PRESIDENT FRANGIE TO EXPLAIN GOL- FEDAYEEN SITUATION PERSONALLY TO KING FAISAL.
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